



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRAURY 18, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, February 18, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Brady, Estève (virtual), Ndebumadu (arrived 8:07p.m.), Rogers, Truesdale (virtual) and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez stated for the record that three comments were received via email (copies attached).

1. Valerie Hall-Yancey, Gideon St.. – Spoke regarding concerns with the new leadership of Bowie Community Media Corporation.
2. Stephanie Gaines-Bryant, Everwood Ct. – Spoke regarding concerns with the new leadership of Bowie Community Media Corporation.
3. Lauren Semeniuk – Thanked Council for the proclamation presented to Bowie CLAW on the celebration of their 10th Anniversary.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Mayor Adams presented Proclamation P-1-25 to Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary.
- B. Diversity Committee member, Elveeda Dixon, gave a brief excerpt on Black History Month.
- C. Community Outreach Committee members, Mary Ellen Winlund and Destinee Parker, spoke on the importance of heart health as Heart Health Awareness Month is celebrated in February.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to appoint Mr. Jacque Crumpton to the Community Outreach Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Adams swore in Mr. Crumpton to the Community Outreach Committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley commented on the electronic recycling event being held on Saturday, February 22 at the Public Works parking lot from 8 a.m. to 2p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of Letter to Prince George's County DPW&T re: Tree Planting along Mitchellville Road; B) Introduction of Ordinance O-3-25 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025, As Embodied in Ordinance O-4-24, Amended by Ordinance O-7-24, and O-2-25 to Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects: \$214,500 for Water Main Replacement and \$40,100 to Fund the Replacement of a Public Works Vehicle. Councilmember Rogers second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Safety Committee Presentation – Committee Chair Billings presented to Council the committee's recommendation of having Prince George's County Public Schools Superintendent attend a Council meeting to discuss security measures and improvements emphasizing schools in the City. The committee's primary concern is ensuring that the public schools in the City of Bowie are prioritized, and that security threats are addressed.

Councilmember Brady stated that he is in support of having this briefing by Prince George's County School Superintendent or a representative.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Billings for his presentation.

B. Information Technology Committee Presentation – Committee Chair Eidsness, briefed Council on the committee's FY26 priorities which will focus on Smart City Framework, municipal compliance with ADA on the City's website and monitoring the County's AI applications where they impact municipalities.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Eidsness for his presentation.

C. FY25 Mid-Year Budget Report - City Manager Lott summarized the report. General Fund revenues and expenditures appear to be on target with adopted budget. The City's major revenue source Real and Personal Property Taxes increased by \$3,638,304 compared to last year. The General Fund expenditures increased by \$4.6M in the first half of the fiscal year and is most attributable to the transfer to Capital Projects Fund totaling \$2.8M with most of the remaining increase allocated to Public Works. The city's economic outlook remains stable, however with the inflationary impact on goods and services lingering from the pandemic, and without a planned tax increase, it's difficult to produce a balanced budget without using large amounts of the city's reserve funds.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Rogers second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie on April 21, 2025.

Awilda Hernandez

From: nevalon <nevalonmjr@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 1:00 PM
To: Valerie Yancey; Awilda Hernandez
Cc: Daniel Mears; Darius Stanton; Darius Stanton; ExNews Anchor; Stephanie Gaines-Bryant; Jackie Mims; evanskaala@gmail.com; Una Cooper
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: [EXTERNAL] Re: BCMC PLEASE SUBMIT February 18 (City Council Meeting)

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Good afternoon to everyone this is Dr. NEVALON Mitchell. As a Retired US Army 100% Disabled Vietnam Veteran I would appreciate having my name and disapproval and removal of me and my NMJ HOUR OF POWER SHOW. I have dedicated the majority of my life to this nation and our beloved Bowie community and would love to be reinstated as a producer and member of BCMC.

I am not able to attend the meeting on Tuesday February 18, 2025, and ask that my statement and feelings become part of the record. There is no question about my lifetime commitment to excellence and to The People of Faith. And I see the work that I did while serving as a producer a valuable resource and contribution to that body of people and others.

Please know that my intentions and respect for the work of this esteemed group of people is admirable and very much appreciated.

I humbly and Respectfully Submit this statement and request.

Reverend Dr. NEVALON Mitchell, Jr. PhD.,

Retired LTC U.S. Army

Senior Chaplain Clinician

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On Monday, February 17, 2025, 12:45 PM, Valerie Yancey <vhyanecy@gmail.com> wrote:

Awilda, thanks very much for your assistance on this matter.

There are a number of people who are unable to attend the meeting tomorrow (February 18) at 8pm who will be sending emails directly on this matter. Could you confirm they are to send their emailed statement to cityclerk@cityofbowie.org, and that the emails will be read aloud at the meeting?

In addition, there will be at least 2 reps from our group speaking tomorrow (addresses are noted below). I will be sending today under separate cover a document to be distributed to the Council as part of our presentation. Should we ensure copies of the doc are made for distribution during the meeting or will the emailed copy be provided to them? Could you also let us know how much time will be given for us to speak?

Lastly, I want to confirm our presentation tomorrow is not meant to take the place of our request to meet with the Council and Mayor. We would still appreciate the scheduling of the meeting.

Thanks again for your help.

Valerie Hall Yancey
6206 Gideon Street
Bowie, MD 20720

Stephanie Gaines-Bryant
16305 Everwood Ct.
Bowie, MD 20716

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Best Regards,

Valerie Hall Yancey
Please consider the environment before printing this email.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Darius Stanton <dariusastanton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 10:50 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: [EXTERNAL] BCMC Operations

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Dear Mayor Adams & City Council Members,

My name is Darius A. Stanton, and I have been a resident of the City of Bowie for 23 years. I am a past board member and the producer & host of "Good News Bowie with Darius A. Stanton" on the Bowie Community Media Corporation (BCMC). I served as the past Board Secretary and have dedicated significant time and energy to support the station, ensuring our residents have access to positive, productive content for children, adults, and businesses.

I am writing to respectfully request the City Council's consideration of the following measures to uphold ethical standards within the BCMC:

1. BCMC should operate under the existing bylaws that mandate producers to be Bowie City residents. While this does not preclude non-Bowie residents from participating as co-producers, hosts, or in other roles, the primary producer role should be reserved for Bowie residents.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should state that BCMC board members are not to be paid unless the board has vetted, voted, and fully disclosed any financial payments prior to disbursement.
3. Annual meetings with board elections should be maintained to allow board members to actively participate in the leadership of the organization.

Thank you for your leadership and support for BCMC. We trust that with your guidance, we can create an open and transparent relationship between the members of the BCMC board and the City of Bowie.

Peace & Love,

Darius A. Stanton
410-703-1898

Awilda Hernandez

From: Ray Williams <lrays0055@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 12:14 PM
To: CityClerk; Executive Producer, Writers Haven Show
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: [EXTERNAL] BCMC Non Resident Board

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Dear Council Members,

I am a two time former Board member of Bowie Community Media Corporation. Although I am no longer a member, I am still concerned about the fate of the organization.

I was shocked to learn of the current state of BCMC. To have non-Bowie residents run the organization and then eliminate Board Elections can be considered as nothing less than a hostile takeover.

As a former Board member I understand what The City of Bowie expects. I am very concerned knowing the city provides the building, studio, equipment and the bulk of the money that finances the station. I am asking you to consider making your intentions known to current leadership as opposed to abruptly cutting funding. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

L Ray Williams Jr